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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

A wiper drive comprising a housing, a reversing motor 1. (Currently Amended) and a gear mechanism connected downstream of said reversing motor, wherein a swaying element for driving at least one wiper arm or a wiper arm rod is provided on a gear mechanism output shaft, and wherein an operating range of said swaying element lies within a pivoting range which is delimited by two-a plurality of mechanical stops, wherein at least one stop is designed undetachably arranged on at least one add-on element that is detachably mounted to the housing such that it can be removed and/or moved in such a way that said swaying element when said wiper drive is mounted on a support frame, can be moved from a first mounting position, which lies outside said pivoting range, into said pivoting range without being obstructed by said at least one stop, wherein when said swaying element is in said first mounting position it is outside said pivoting range, but is driven into said pivoting range after which said at least one stop may be mounted on said housing to delimit movement of said swaying element from within said pivoting range to outside of said pivoting range:

wherein said support frame comprises a tubular element and said at least one add-on element comprises a tube retaining section, said tubular element being secured between the housing and said tube retaining section of said at least one add-on element.

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2. (Currently Amended) The wiper drive according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one stop is integral with <u>said</u> at least one add-on element such that it cannot be removed, wherein said at least one add-on element can be releasably fixed on a <u>component of said wiper drive</u>, in <u>particular on said housing</u>.

- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The wiper drive according to claim 2, wherein said wiper drive comprises a-said support frame and said at least one add-on element is suitable for exerting a retaining function for a connection between said housing and said support frame.
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Previously Presented) The wiper drive according to Claim 2, wherein said at least one add-on element can be fixed on a component of said wiper drive, in particular on said housing, at least one, preferably at several, fixing points.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The wiper drive according to claim 2, wherein said at least one add-on element is designed as a shaped part made of sheet metal.
- 8 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Previously Presented) The wiper drive according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one stop is provided as a separate component which can be fixed on a component of said wiper drive, in particular on said housing.

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11. (Previously Presented) The wiper drive according to Claim 10, wherein two stops are provided.

- 12 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Currently Amended) The wiper drive according to claim 1, wherein said tube retaining section comprises an arcuate portion for engaging said support frame a tubular element.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The wiper drive according to claim 1, wherein said swaying element is non-releasably connected to said gear mechanism output shaft.
- 18 22. (Cancelled)